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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TEAM, PROGRESS REPORT

REF: (A) STATE 154539, (B) PORT AU PRINCE 3376

THE STATUS OF THE CAT RECOMMENDATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS FULLY IMPLEMENTED:

A. IV APPOINTMENTS ARE BEING STAGGERED THOUGHOUT THE WORKDAY.

B. ROTATIONAL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS. THE FIRST SWITCH, INVOLVING TWO OFFICERS, WAS MADE SEPTEMBER 6. TWO OTHER OFFICERS WILL MOVE NOVEMBER 1 AND JANUARY 1, RESPECTIVELY.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED:

A. NIV CONTINUOUS-ISSUANCE IS BEING EXPERIMENTED WITH. VISAS ARE SIGNED BY OFFICERS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS THROUGHOUT MORNING FOR DELIVERY AT INTERVALS DURING THE WORKDAY RATHER THAN ONLY AT 1500 HOURS. THE MAIN DIFFERENCE FROM CAT RECOMMENDATION IS THAT RETURN OF PASSPORTS DONE ON COME-BACK BASIS RATHER THAN WAITING, WHICH IS NOT FEASIBLE DUE TO LACK OF FACILITY FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE CHANGE WAS JUST IMPLEMENTED. THE POST HOPES IT WILL PERMIT THE FLEXIBILITY OF SOME INTERVIEWS IN THE AFTERNOON, B. IV SAME-DAY DELIEVERY HAS BEEN PARTIALLY ACHIEVED. UNCLASSIFIED

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VISAS APPROVED IN THE MORNING ARE DELIVERED THAT AFTERNOON. AFTERNOON APPROVALS ARE DLEIVERED THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS PENDING IMPLEMENTATION SOON: A VISA REFERRAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT TWO MEETINGS OF COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS. THE PROGRAM HAS

OCTOBER 1 AS THE TARGET DATE.

4. RECOMMENDATION WHICH WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED, AT LEAST AT PRESENT: NIV PHYSICAL CHANGES (REF B). THE POST WILL ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE EXISTING LINE SYSTEM AND CONDITIONS FOR BOTH OFFICERS AND APPLICANTS BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION ON CAT RECOMMENDATION FOR RELOCATING INTERVIEW WINDOW THE WITHIN BUILDING.

5. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS: PHYSICAL CHANGES IN IV UNIT AND RECEPTION AREA WILL BE BEGUN WHEN FUNDS ARE PROVIDED (REF B). REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

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